

October 2025 Newsletter

What a busy half term! ☺ Thank you to our school community for supporting the Padley Centre through harvest gifts, Macmillan Cancer Research at the 'coffee morning' and Mind, a children's mental health charity. We raised £475.30 for Macmillan and £244.50 for Mind.

INSET Days 2025 –26 Friday 24th October 2025, Monday 2nd February 2026, Monday 1st June 2026, Wednesday 22nd July 2026 and Thursday 23rd July 2026.



Our Facebook page is up and running. We upload photos weekly to share with you what is happening in school. If you want to join the closed group you need to agree to the admin/group rules.

The celebration of 10 years of DDAT has continued this half term. We have hosted the DDAT quilt, a colourful representation of all the schools in our Trust. We also attended the service at Derby Cathedral.



Please note that if you are viewing your child's attendance in Arbour, one full days absence will show as two sessions - morning and afternoon. The register is taken twice a day.

Calling all musicians! If any musical parent/family member would like to come into school and perform to a small group of children or a larger group (in an assembly) that would be wonderful. We want to inspire the children to enjoy music and explore their own musicality. Please see Mrs Hindle (Year 4 teacher) or contact the school office. Thank you.



Please name EVERYTHING. Coats, hats, jumpers, water bottles etc. The lost property mountain is growing again. Please take anything you think might be yours.



Any spare, unloved, unused lego would be gratefully received. Thank you.

We will be celebrating Children In Need on Friday 21st November. The children can wear something spotty, on their top half, for a donation of £1. (It does not have to be an official t-shirt, just something spotty.)



Polite reminders -

School uniform is important everyday, including PE days. Jewellery is not allowed, simple stud earrings (which must be removed or covered for PE) are acceptable. An inexpensive watch and kara are also allowed.

Shaved 'lines' in hair styles are also not allowed as per the school prospectus.

Children are not allowed to ride their bikes or scooter on the school grounds, it is too busy and someone will be hurt.

Children are also not allowed to play on the trim tail at the end of the school day.

When leaving a message about your child's absence, please ensure you include their full name, including surname, class and reason for absence, including symptoms if illness.

Dates for your diary

Wed 22 Oct	Parents' Evening
Thurs 23 Oct	Parents' Evening
Thurs 23 Oct	Break up for half term at the normal time
Fri 24 Oct	INSET 1
	Holiday Club (Mon-Fri)
Mon 3 Nov	Back to school
Fri 7 Nov	6C Class Assembly 9am
Tue 11 Nov	FOG event- Nursery-Year 2 disco straight after school (details to follow)
Thurs 13 Nov	FOG event- Year 3-Year 6 disco straight after school (details to follow)
Fri 14 Nov	5U Class Assembly
Tues 18 Nov	Year 3 choir performance 10.45am
Thurs 20 Nov	FOG meeting 6.30pm
Fri 21 Nov	Children In Need- wear something spotty
Mon 24 Nov	Maths workshops will start this week- more information after half term
Wed 3 Dec	Afternoon nativity performance (Key Stage 1)
Thurs 4 Dec	Morning and afternoon nativity performance (Key Stage 1)
Wed 10 Dec	Reception nativity performance 9.30am
Fri 12 Dec	Christmas Fayre 5-7pm
Fri 19 Dec	Break up for the Christmas holiday
Mon 5 Jan	Spring term starts

Christmas is fast approaching and FOG are organising a fabulous Christmas Fayre for our school community. Our Christmas Fayre will be held on Friday 12th December 5pm-7pm.



Friends and family members of present and former pupils are welcome. However, we reserve the right to decline entry if there is no affiliation with the school.

Please support FOG and offer your time to help set up, run a stall or tidy up after the event. All help is gratefully received. All money raised is spent on enriching the experiences the children have in school.

If you want your child to change from school dinners to sandwiches or vice versa, we do require 2 school weeks notice. Please make sure you tell the school office.

All correspondence to parents will now be sent via our new system, Arbor (no longer Parent Hub). Please make sure you check in - App messages. We are aware of an issue with some parents not receiving emails and our IT support are working on a solution.

We have begun to put payments for clubs and trips on Arbor, you will be sent a direct message if one becomes available for your child.

After half-term all dinner payments should also be made on Arbor. These will be found in 'payments' then 'meals'. You will no longer be sent a link to the dinner payments but we still require these to be paid in advance before the start of the week however dinners will not be credited to your account until after the meal has been taken. We ask that you keep a positive balance, please do not let your account go into negative figures. Thank you for your support during this period of change.